



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

YANO, Daisuke et al.

Group Art Unit: 1773

Serial No.: 09/787,119

Examiner: Nikolas J. Uhler

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For: TRANSFERABLE MAGNETIC TAPE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SAME, AND MAGNETIC CARD

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 9, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 22, 2004, requiring restriction between two alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement between the inventions of Group (I), Claims 1-5 and 12-16; and Group (II), Claims 6-11 and 17-19.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I , that is, claims 1-5 and 12-16**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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